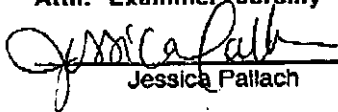


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RESPONSE


Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action, dated 29 January 2003, for the above-identified patent application.

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Applicant hereby elects without prejudice Group 1, Species A, Claims 1-2 read upon this species, be examined in the above-identified application.

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